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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF)
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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japan 2000-305725

The foregoing document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application, namely Japan 2001-390490.

A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated December 3, 2004 is enclosed.


An English language abstract and an English translation for the cited Japanese document have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract and English translation. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the present application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not yet received any of a final Office Action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise close prosecution of the application, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Accordingly, in view of the date of the Japanese Office Action, Applicants submit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the document cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the forgoing information in its entirety and to make an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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